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and a small vessel resembling a trawler off Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10). The gray trawler was sailing comparatively near shore and the submarines farther offshore. The three vessels were maneuvering together.

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2. In the evening of 15 September, 11 MTBs passed Chishov Island (N 64-45, E 40-33) in the mouth of the Dvina River.

At 0200 hours on 16 September, six more MTBs passed Chishov Island. On several occasions later MTBs going up and down the river.

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3. The MTBs were of two types. One type was about 100 feet long. The hull resembled those of the British MTBs. The torpedo tubes were completely exposed. Just about amidships there was a wheelhouse or a small command bridge with a mast having one yardarm just aft of the bridge. The other type was about 80 feet long. It had one torpedo tube on the deck on each side of the bridge. torpedo tubes about 30 feet long.

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4. At the shipyard in Solombala, five odd-looking vessels on slips. They were about 70 feet long and had two partially-installed four-bladed propellers. The propeller blades were extremely broad.

5. On Keg Island, a runway which was laid in a northeast to southwest direction. also additional runways or a parking

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apron. The ground was gray, resembling cement, as compared with the otherwise green area around it. On the northwestern side of the field, there were many large buildings resembling hangars. The western side of the field was fenced in by a high board fence. Out on the point in the southeastern part of the field, there were many small wooden buildings.

6: [redacted] a jet aircraft take off from the field. It had straight or

only slightly swept-back wings on leading edges, but they angled sharply in toward the fuselage along the trailing edges. The wings were quite broad next to the fuselage and slightly V-shaped. [redacted] many twin-engined transport aircraft on the field as well as several four-engined aircraft which resembled Lancasters. They were painted green. There were many uniformed personnel on and around the field, particularly near the board fence on the west side.

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7: From the quay next to Sawmill No. 9-10, ferries departed for Arkhangelsk. The ferries were of various types, the most modern resembling Ford buses (sic). All of them were for passengers only. [redacted] both men and women ticket-sellers on the ferry. Tickets cost one ruble. There was no kind of check made either when coming aboard, buying the ticket, or landing. On the streetcar in Arkhangelsk [redacted] only female personnel. The tickets cost 30 kopeks.

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8. The bank in Arkhangelsk was in a modern but somewhat untidy and run-down building. They accepted dollars gladly, but would not accept Swedish crowns for exchange. To exchange currencies, one turned the money in at one window, received a receipt and then went to another window to get the rubles.

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